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SUBJECT: R/V RESEARCHER PORT CALL AND RESEARCH CLEARANCE

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1. EMBOFF HAS AGAIN CONTACTED FONMIN DESK OFFICER HANDLING
R/V RESEARCHER CLEARANCE REQUEST, WHO REPORTS (AFTER SEVERAL
DAYS DELAY) THAT HIS COUNTERPART IN THE MINISTRY OF THE NAVY,
WHERE ULTIMATE DECISION ON CLEARANCE IS MADE, HAS NOT YET
RECEIVED THE REQUEST.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FONMIN DESK OFFICER, THIS MEANS THAT
THE REQUEST HAS ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF SOMEONE IN THE
NAVY GENERAL STAFF, WHICH IS NOT AN AUSPICIOUS SIGN. HE
PROMISED TO PURSUE THE MATTER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A DEFINITE
REPLY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, AND SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE
THE REPLY AS SOON AS RECEIVED. HOWEVER, HE OFFERED NO
INDICATION WHEN THIS MIGHT BE.

3. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE EMBASSY IS NOT REPEAT
NOT PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES THAT THE GOB DOES NOT
OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED RESEARCH BY THE R/V RESEARCHER.

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WE WILL OF COURSE IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE DEPARTMENT
OF ANY FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE GOB, BUT SINCE THE
PROPOSED RESEARCH CLEARLY DOES NOT COMPLY WITH BRAZILIAN
REGULATIONS CONCERNING APPROVAL OF RESEARCH PROJECTS,
IS WITHIN BRAZIL'S CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND
INVOLVES A USG VESSEL, IT SEEMS TO US SOMEWHAT
FUTILE TO EXPECT A FAVORABLE BRAZILIAN RESPONSE.

4. SINCE PER REF C SCHEDULE, THE R/V RESEARCHER HAS
ALREADY DEPARTED BRIDGETOWN, REQUEST DEPARTMENT INSURE
THAT SHIP RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION. DEPARTMENT SHOULD
NOTE THAT SINCE REQUEST FOR PORT CALL CLEARANCE AND
NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH WERE COMBINED, WE DO
NOT AS YET HAVE CLEARANCE FOR PORT CALL AT RECIFE FROM
14 TO 18 AUGUST. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT
AND IF NO FURTHER WORD HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOB,
EMBASSY PROPOSES TO SUBMIT NEW DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO GOB
ON 31 JULY WITHDRAWING NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH
AND REQUESTING URGENT REPLY REGARDING PORT CLEARANCE.
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